Seminar on "Sanitation and Pollution"

4732. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Health Ministry participated in a recent Seminar on "Sanitation and Pollution Control";

(b) if so, what were the issues raised;

(c) whether any recommendations have been made to Government by the participants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government constituted the High Power Group in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to formulate a comprehensive National Programme on Sanitation and Environmental Hygiene on the lines of a Technology Mission. A workshop in which eminent experts participated was also conducted for this purpose. The Group is yet to submit its report.

Setting up of Separate Wings in Government Hospitals for Treatment of AIDS

4733. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering proposals to set up separate wings in Government hospitals for the treatment of certified AIDS patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government hospitals have been selected in different states for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the names of cities where such hospitals have been selected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance for Improvement and Modernisation of Hospitals

4734. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create an agency for rendering financial assistance to hospitals for their improvement and modernisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how does Government propose to ensure that the finances are made available for the improvement and modernisation of hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) 'Health' being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to provide the finances to the hospitals for their improvement and modernisation keeping in view their priorities and overall availability of resources. However, proposals from certain States for upgradations have been posed to the World Bank.

Implementation of Rural Family Welfare Services in the Country

4735. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored some rural family welfare services in the country;